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$R^7 R^8 NH$ 

[X],

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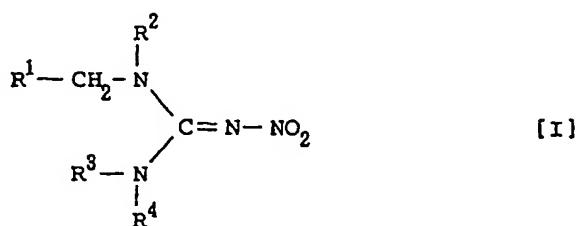
 $R^{11} R^{12} NH$ 

[XI].

10 wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above.

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15 1. A process for preparing a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I]:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different, and are selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl group, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkenyl group, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl group, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aralkyl group, phenethyl group, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, oxo, thioxo, cyano, carbamoyl, carboxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, sulfo, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy group, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryloxy group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylthio group, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylthio group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylsulfinyl group, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylsulfinyl group, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylsulfonyl group, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylsulfonyl group, amino, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> acylamino group, mono- or di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylamino group, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylamino group, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylamino group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyl group, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylcarbonyl group and five- to six-membered heterocyclic group each containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, and the above C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aralkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryloxy, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylthio, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylsulfinyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylsulfonyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylamino or heterocyclic group may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituent groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylthio and phenylthio, and the above C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, amino, mono- or di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylamino or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylamino may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituent groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylthio,

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R<sup>2</sup> is cyano,a group of the formula: -S(O)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>13</sup>

50 wherein n is an integer of 1 or 2 and R<sup>13</sup> is a hydrocarbon group selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>,

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a group of the formula: -P(=O)R<sup>14</sup>R<sup>15</sup>

wherein R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are each independently hydroxyl; a hydrocarbon group attached through an oxygen atom selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkoxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyloxy, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyoxy, C<sub>3</sub>-

5  $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyloxy,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryloxy or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyloxy, this hydrocarbon group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; a heterocyclyloxy group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents and are ; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>;

10 a group of the formula: -CO-OR<sup>6</sup>

15 wherein R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>, or

20 a group of the formula: -CO-NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>

25 wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup>, which are the same or different, are each independently hydrogen; a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are a cyclic amino group, which may be substituted with 1 to 4  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl groups;

30 R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen,

cyano,

a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>(except for one substituted with an oxo group at the binding site),

35 a group of the formula: -S(O)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>13</sup>

40 wherein n is an Integer of 0, 1 or 2 and R<sup>13</sup> is a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>;

45 a group of the formula: -P(=O)R<sup>14</sup>R<sup>15</sup>

50 wherein R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are each independently hydroxyl; a hydrocarbon group attached through an oxygen atom, selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkoxy,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkoxy,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyloxy,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyoxy,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyloxy,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryloxy or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyloxy, this hydrocarbon group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; a heterocyclyloxy group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>,

55 a group of the formula: -CO-R<sup>9</sup>

wherein R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen; a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_7$ - $C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally hav-

ing 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>,

5 a group of the formula: -CO-OR<sup>10</sup>

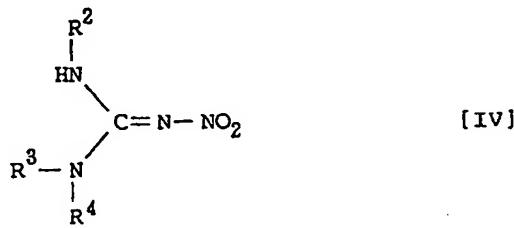
wherein R<sup>10</sup> is a hydrocarbon group selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>, or

10 a group of the formula: -CO-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>

wherein R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup>, which are the same or different, are each independently hydrogen; a hydrocarbon group selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or a heterocyclic group having a single or fused ring with 5 to 8 ring members in each ring and having from one to five heteroatoms in each ring independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, wherein said heterocyclic group may optionally be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents which may be the same or different and are defined as above for R<sup>1</sup>; or R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup>, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are a cyclic amino group, which may be substituted with 1 to 4 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups; and

20 R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group; or a salt thereof, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula [IV]:

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wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above, or a salt thereof, with a compound of the formula [V]:

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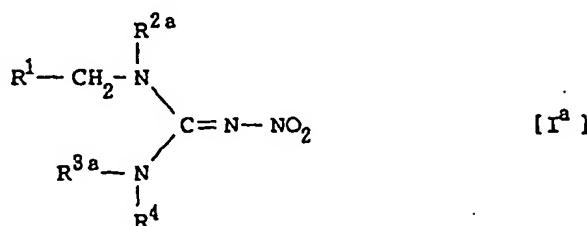
[V]

wherein R<sup>1</sup> has the same meaning as defined above and Y is a leaving group.

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2. A process for preparing a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I<sup>a</sup>]:

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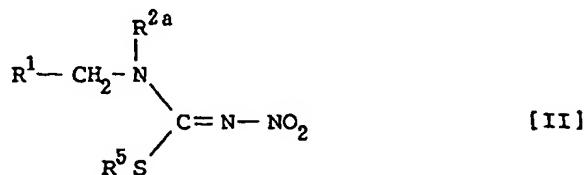


wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in claim 1

R<sup>2a</sup> corresponds to R<sup>2</sup> as defined in claim 1,

R<sup>3a</sup> is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon group selected from C<sub>1-15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkenyl, C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7-10</sub> aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents as defined in claim 1 for R<sup>1</sup>, or a salt thereof, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula [II]:



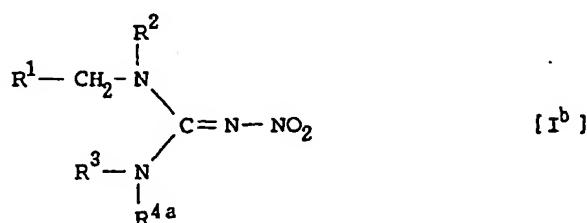
wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2a</sup> have the same meanings as defined above and R<sup>5</sup> is a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon group or a substituted or unsubstituted acyl group, or a salt thereof, with a compound of the formula [III]:



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wherein R<sup>3a</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have the same meanings as defined above, or a salt thereof.

3. A process for preparing a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I<sup>b</sup>]:



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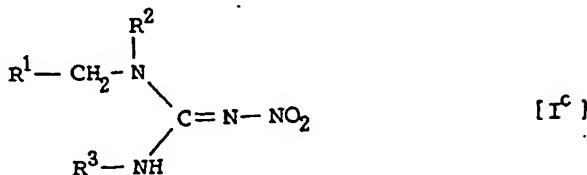
wherein

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1,

R<sup>4a</sup> is a C<sub>1-C<sub>4</sub></sub> alkyl group; or a salt thereof,

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which comprises reacting a compound of the formula [I<sup>c</sup>]:



wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above, or a salt thereof, with a compound of the formula [VI]:

$R^{4a} - Y$ 

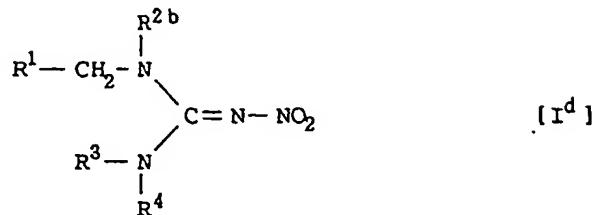
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wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above.

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4. A process for preparing a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I<sup>d</sup>]:

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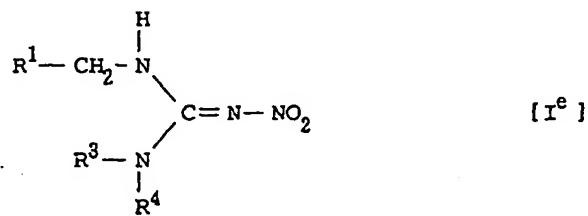
wherein

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 $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are as defined in claim 1 $R^{2b}$  corresponds to  $R^2$  as defined in claim 1, or salt thereof, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula [I<sup>e</sup>]:

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wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above, or a salt thereof, with a compound of the formula [VII]:

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 $R^{2b} - Y$ 

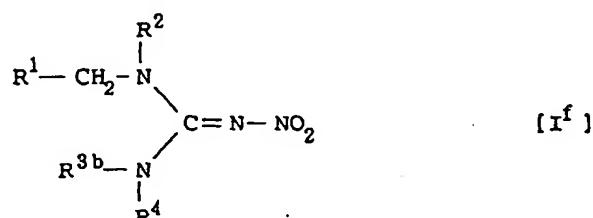
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wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above.

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5. A process for preparing a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I<sup>f</sup>]:

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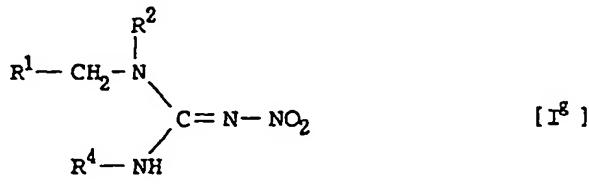


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wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  have the same meanings as defined in claim 1 and  $R^{3b}$  is cyano, a hydrocarbon group selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cy-

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cloalkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents as defined in claim 1 for R<sup>1</sup> (except for one substituted with an oxo group at the binding site),  
 a group of the formula: -S(O)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>13</sup> as defined in claim 1, a group of the formula: -P(=O)R<sup>14</sup>R<sup>15</sup> as defined in claim 1, a group of the formula: -CO-R<sup>9</sup> as defined in claim 1, a group of the formula: -CO-OR<sup>10</sup> as defined in claim 1, a group of the formula: -CO-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> as defined in claim 1 or a salt thereof,  
 which comprises reacting a compound of the formula [Ig]:



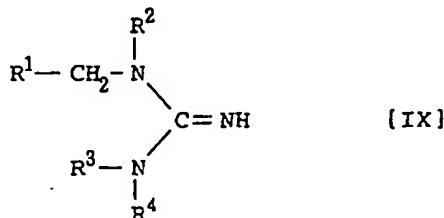
wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above, or a salt thereof, with a compound of the formula [VIII]:



wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above.

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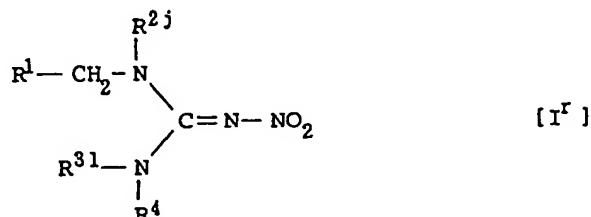
6. A process for preparing a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I] according to Claim 1 or a salt thereof, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula [IX]:



wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above, or a salt thereof, with a nitrating reagent.

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7. A process for preparing a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [II]:



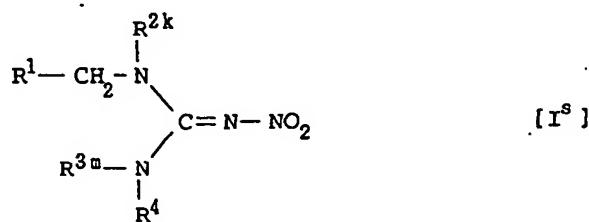
wherein

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R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have the same meanings as defined in claim 1, and  
 R<sup>2j</sup> corresponds to R<sup>2</sup> as defined in claim 1  
 R<sup>3l</sup> corresponds to R<sup>3</sup> as defined in claim 1,

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provided that at least one of  $R^{2j}$  and  $R^{3j}$  is the substituted or unsubstituted aminocarbonyl group as defined above; or a salt thereof,  
which comprises reacting a compound of the formula [I<sup>8</sup>]:



$R^1$  and  $R^4$  have the same meanings as defined above, and

$R^{2k}$  corresponds to  $R^2$  as defined above

$R^{3m}$  corresponds to  $R^3$  as defined above,

provided that at least one of  $R^{2k}$  and  $R^{3m}$  is a reactive ester which is  $-CO-OR^6$  or  $-CO-OR^{10}$ , respectively; or a salt thereof, with a compound of the formula :

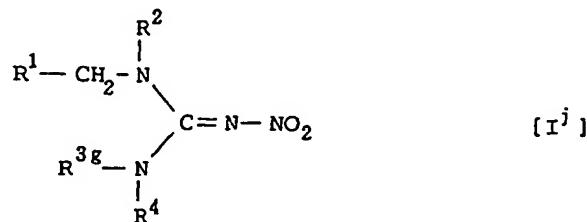


30 or



35 wherein each group has the same meaning as defined above.

8. The process according to claim 1 in which the compound is represented by the formula:



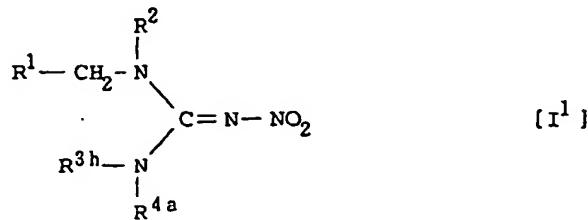
50 wherein

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  are as defined in claim 1

$R^{3g}$  is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon group selected from  $C_1-C_{15}$  alkyl,  $C_3-C_{10}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkynyl,  $C_3-C_{10}$  cycloalkenyl,  $C_6-C_{10}$  aryl or  $C_7-C_{10}$  aralkyl, this group optionally having 1 to 5 substituents as defined in claim 1 for  $R^1$  (except for one substituted with an oxo group at the binding site),

55 or a salt thereof.

9. The process according to claim 1 in which the compound is represented by the formula:



15 wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are as defined in claim 1

R<sup>3b</sup> is hydrogen, and R<sup>4a</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group;

20 or a salt thereof.

10. The process according to claim 1, in which the heterocyclic group R<sup>1</sup> is a five- or six-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group.

25 11. The process according to claim 1 in which the heterocyclic group R<sup>1</sup> is 2- or 3-thienyl, 2- or 3-furyl, 2- or 3-pyrrolyl, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl, 2-, 4- or 5-oxazolyl, 2-, 4- or 5-thiazolyl, 3-, 4- or 5-pyrazolyl, 2-, 4- or 5-imidazolyl, 3-, 4- or 5-isoxazolyl, 3-, 4- or 5-isothiazolyl, 3- or 5-(1,2,4-oxadiazolyl), 1,3,4-oxadiazolyl, 3- or 5-(1,2,4-thiadiazolyl), 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, 4- or 5-(1,2,3-thiadiazolyl), 1,2,5-thiadiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, 1H- or 2H-tetrazolyl, N-oxide of 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl, 2-, 4- or 5-pyrimidinyl, N-oxide of 2-, 4- or 5-pyrimidinyl, 3- or 4-pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, N-oxide of 3- or 4-pyridazinyl, benzofuryl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, triazinyl, oxotriazinyl, tetrazolo[1,5-b]pyridazinyl, triazolo[4,5-b]pyridazinyl, oxoimidazolyl, dioxotriazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, pyranyl, thiopyranyl, 1,4-oxazinyl, morpholinyl, 1,4-thiazinyl, 1,3-thiazinyl, piperazinyl, benzoimidazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, cinnolinyl, phthalazinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, indolizinyl, quinolizinyl, 1,8-naphthyridinyl, purinyl, pteridinyl, dibenzofuranyl, carbazolyl, acridinyl, phenanthridinyl, phenazinyl, phenothiazinyl, or phenoxazinyl.

35 12. The process according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a five- or six-membered nitrogen containing heterocyclic group which is substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from C<sub>1-15</sub> alkyl; C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl; C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl; C<sub>2-10</sub> alkynyl; C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkenyl; C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl; C<sub>7-10</sub> aralkyl; nitro; hydroxyl; mercapto; oxo; thioxo; cyano; carbamoyl; carboxyl; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl; sulfo; halogens; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy; C<sub>6-10</sub> aryloxy; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio; C<sub>6-10</sub> arylthio; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfinyl; C<sub>6-10</sub> arylsulfinyl; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl; C<sub>6-10</sub> arylsulfonyl; amino; C<sub>2-6</sub> acylamino; mono- or di-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylamino; C<sub>6-10</sub> arylamino; C<sub>2-4</sub> acyl; C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl carbonyl; 2- or 3-thienyl; 2- or 3-furyl; 3-, 4- or 5-pyrazolyl; 2-, 4- or 5-thiazolyl; 3-, 4- or 5-isothiazolyl; 2-, 4- or 5-oxazolyl; 3-, 4- or 5-isoxazolyl; 2-, 4- or 5-imidazolyl; 1,2,3- or 1,2,4-triazolyl; 1H- or 2H-tetrazolyl; 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl; 2-, 4- or 5-pyrimidinyl; 3- or 4-pyridazinyl; quinolyl; isoquinolyl; and indolyl.

45 13. The process according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl or 2-, 4- or 5-thiazolyl, which is substituted with 1 to 4 halogens.

14. The process according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a C<sub>1-15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkynyl, or C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkenyl group.

50 15. The process according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is cyano, a group of the formula: -CO-R<sup>9</sup> as defined in claim 1, a group of the formula: -CO-OR<sup>10</sup> as defined in claim 1, or a group of the formula: -CO-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> as defined in claim 1.

55 16. The process according to claim 15, wherein R<sup>9</sup> is a C<sub>1-15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkynyl, or C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkenyl group.

17. The process according to claim 15, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula: -CO-OR<sup>10</sup> as defined in claim 1.

18. The process according to claim 17, wherein R<sup>10</sup> is C<sub>1-15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkenyl, C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7-10</sub> aralkyl group.

19. The process according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen; C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1-7</sub> acyl; C<sub>7-12</sub> arylcarbonyl; C<sub>2-7</sub> alkoxy carbonyl; C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxy carbonyl; C<sub>8-13</sub> aralkyloxy carbonyl; C<sub>2-7</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl; di-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl; saturated cyclic aminocarbonyl; or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl.

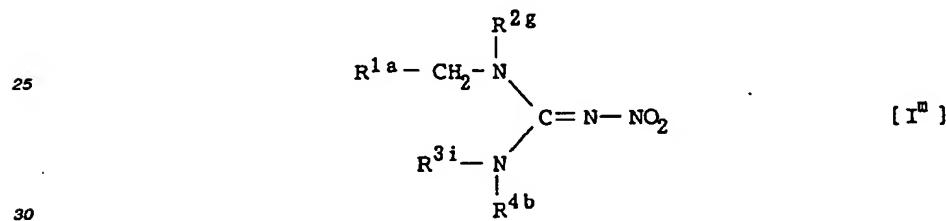
20. The process according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is cyano,  
a group of the formula: -CO-OR<sup>6</sup> as defined in claim 1  
or  
a group of the formula: -CO-NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> as defined in claim 1.

21. The process according to claim 20, wherein R<sup>6</sup> is C<sub>1-15</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkenyl, C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7-10</sub> aralkyl group.

22. The process according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>2-7</sub> alkoxy carbonyl.

23. The process according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl.

24. The process according to claim 1 in which the compound is represented by the formula:

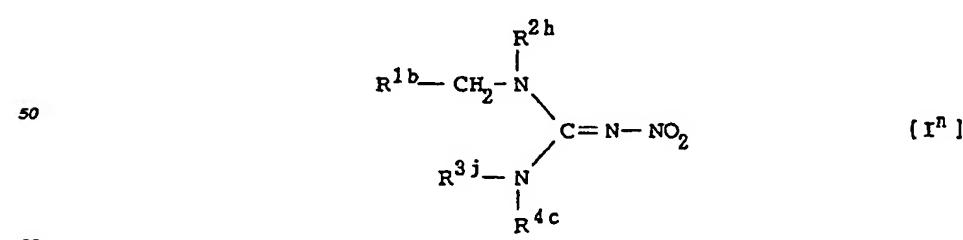


wherein

R<sup>1a</sup> is pyridyl, halogenopyridyl, thiazolyl, or halogenothiazolyl,  
 R<sup>2g</sup> is C<sub>2-7</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxy carbonyl, C<sub>8-13</sub> aralkyloxy carbonyl, C<sub>2-7</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, alicyclic aminocarbonyl, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl,  
 R<sup>3i</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> aryl carbonyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxy carbonyl, C<sub>8-13</sub> aralkyloxy carbonyl, C<sub>2-7</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, alicyclic aminocarbonyl, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, and  
 R<sup>4b</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; or a salt thereof.

25. The process according to claim 24, wherein R<sup>1a</sup> is halogenopyridyl or halogenothiazolyl.

26. The process according to claim 1 in which the compound is represented by the formula:

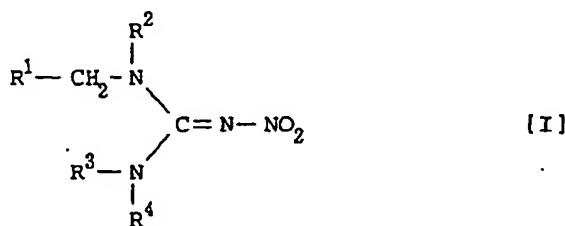


wherein R<sup>1b</sup> is pyridyl, halogenopyridyl, thiazolyl, or halogenothiazolyl; R<sup>2h</sup> is C<sub>2-7</sub> alkoxy carbonyl; R<sup>3j</sup> is hydrogen; and R<sup>4c</sup> is methyl or ethyl; or a salt thereof.

27. The process according to claim 24 in which the compound or a salt thereof, is selected from

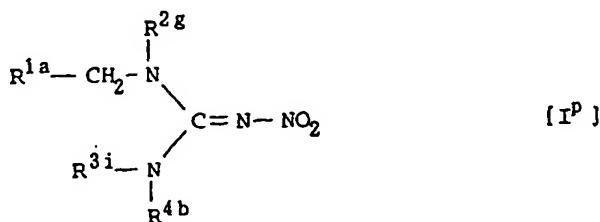
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1-cyano-3,3-dimethyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1,3-diphenoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1-dimethylaminocarbonyl-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3-methyl-1-morpholinocarbonyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-1-methanesulphonyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1-methoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(t-butoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1-n-propoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1-isopropoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(n-butoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(isobutoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-1-(1-chloroethoxycarbonyl)-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine,  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3-methyl-1-pyrrolidinocarbonyl-2-nitroguanidine, and  
1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3-methyl-1-benzyloxycarbonyl-2-nitroguanidine.

20 28. A pesticidal composition comprising an effective amount of the substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [1]:



wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or a salt thereof, in admixture with an acceptable carrier, vehicle, diluent or excipient.

**29. A pesticidal composition comprising an effective amount of a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula:**



50 wherein

R<sup>1a</sup> is pyridyl, halogenopyridyl, thiazolyl, or halogenothiazolyl,  
 R<sup>2g</sup> is C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxythiocarbonyl,  
 R<sup>3i</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> arylcarbonyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxycarbonyl, C<sub>8-13</sub> aralkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>2-7</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, alicyclic aminocarbonyl, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, and  
 R<sup>4b</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; or a salt thereof,

In admixture with an acceptable carrier, vehicle, diluent or excipient.

30. A pesticidal composition comprising an effective amount of the substituted nitroguanidine compound or a salt thereof made according to Claim 27 or a salt thereof in admixture with an acceptable carrier, vehicle, diluent or excipient.

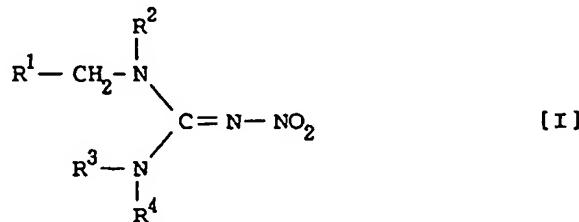
5 31. A pesticidal composition comprising an effective amount of 1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2-nitro-1-phenoxythiocarbonylguanidine- or a salt thereof in admixture with an acceptable carrier, vehicle, diluent or excipient.

10 32. A use of a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I]:

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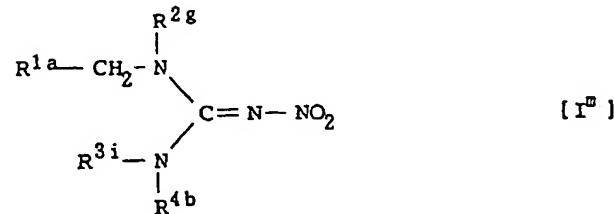
wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in claim 1 or a salt thereof, for the manufacture of a pesticidal composition.

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33. A use of a substituted nitroguanidine of the formula:

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[I<sup>a</sup>]

wherein

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R<sup>1a</sup> is pyridyl, halogenopyridyl, thiazolyl, or halogenothiazolyl, R<sup>2g</sup> is C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxythiocarbonyl, R<sup>3i</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> arylcarbonyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxycarbonyl, C<sub>8-13</sub> aralkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>2-7</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, alicyclic aminocarbonyl, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, and R<sup>4b</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; or a salt thereof for the manufacture of a pesticidal composition.

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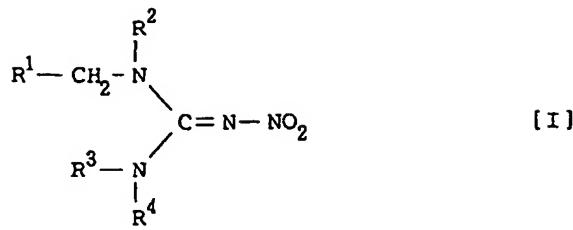
34. A use of a compound according to claim 33, wherein R<sup>1a</sup> is halogenopyridyl or halogenothiazolyl.

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35. A use of a compound according to claim 33 or a salt thereof which is 1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2-nitro-1-phenoxythiocarbonylguanidine.

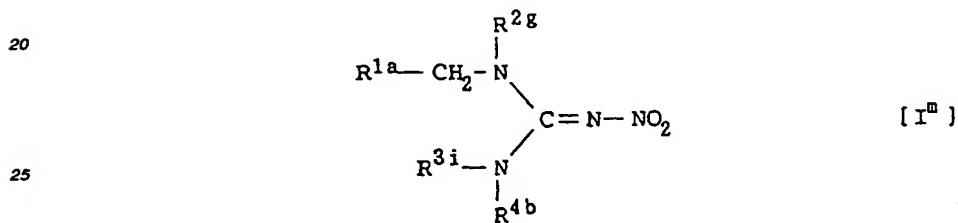
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36. A method for controlling a pest which comprises applying an effective amount of a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula [I]:



wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in claim 1  
or a salt thereof, to prevent said pest.

15 37. A method for controlling a pest which comprises applying an effective amount of a substituted nitroguanidine compound of the formula:



wherein

30 R<sup>1a</sup> is pyridyl, halogenopyridyl, thiazolyl, or halogenothiazolyl,  
R<sup>2g</sup> is C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxythiocarbonyl,  
R<sup>3i</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> arylcarbonyl, C<sub>7-12</sub> aryloxycarbonyl, C<sub>8-13</sub> aralkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>2-7</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl, alicyclic aminocarbonyl, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylsulfonyl, and  
35 R<sup>4b</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; or a salt thereof to prevent said pest.

38. A method according to claim 37, wherein R<sup>1a</sup> is halogenopyridyl or halogenothiazolyl.

39. A method according to claim 37 wherein the compound is 1-(2-chloro-5-thiazolylmethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2-nitro-40 1-phenoxothiocarbonylguanidine or a salt thereof.

#### Patentansprüche

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1. Verbindung der Formel

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